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In accordance with Applicant's continued duty of disclosure, the following documents are brought to the Examiner's attention:

- (1) DE Patent No. 36 19 688; and
- (2) DE Patent No. 38 0833.

A listing on Form PTO-1449 is enclosed along with a copy of the non-U.S. documents.

The undersigned submits the above-identified references for independent consideration by the Examiner and does not make any admission that these references are or are not material to the present invention or that these references are or are not prior art with respect to the present invention.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

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